



The Caring Difference *NEWS BRIEFS*

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See How We've Changed

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Editor

The Caring Difference has seen many styles and purposes through the years. Just recently, we went against tradition and changed our name, ever so slightly, from *the caring difference*. While the change may seem small, it was a decision made thoughtfully. With the new color format, the availability of technology and Jennifer Sharp, a graphic designer employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, we decided to bring the title into a new era.

As reviewers, we have enjoyed the variety previous editors and Public Relations Committee members have brought to the newsletter, as we were continually given a new perspective on CFCRB. Our committee is currently looking for ways to enhance *The Caring Difference*. In this issue we welcome a new feature, a book review by Fayette County reviewer Shelly Meyer. We are also pleased to present a "View From a Social Worker." The "View From" column will be expanded to include other people in our community. And last, our committee would like to thank Jennifer Sharp for producing such an excellent product, the result of many hours of her work.

Nominating Committee Timeline

The Nominating Committee will convene in June to discuss potential candidates for the statewide CFCRB offices of vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and regional representatives. Twenty volunteers from across the state have been nominated to fill these vacancies, which were created during election years.

The Nominating Committee screens the nominations to ensure candidates meet eligibility requirements, contacts nominees to see if volunteers understand the role and commitment associated with elected office, and finally, develops and distributes the ballots. The timeline for the remaining election process is below:

June 2004. Nominating Committee to review nominations, contact nominees and make officer recommendations for the official ballot. Committee to send second mailing to state board members (all local chairs) containing ballots for the region (state chair and respective regional representative).

July 2004. Deadline for committee to receive ballots.

August 2004. Conduct reballoting in case of a tie.

November 2004. Report election results to state board.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Lucas, chair of the Nominating Committee, at elizabeth.lucas@acs-inc.com or 859-277-1500, x317.

Looking for earlier copies of *The Caring Difference*

We desperately need your help in locating past copies of our newsletter, *The Caring Difference*, for our archives. Please take a moment to check your files or piles and mail any copies you may find to Mae Philbeck, Education Specialist, Administrative Office of the Courts, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

These are the issues we would like to collect:

- 1994 or earlier, any issue
- 1997 Winter
- 1998 Spring
- 1999 Spring and Fall
- 2000 Fall and Winter
- 2001 Winter
- 2002 Winter, Summer and Fall

What Makes Your CFCRB Special?

How do you personalize your local board? We know many of you do more than review files. Whether you make cookies at Christmas, have lunch with your judge or decorate the visitation room, you find ways to make CFCRB special in your area.

Please send us your ideas! We want to share them with the rest of the state. Send them to Christy Reaves at christyreaves@iglou.com or Mae Philbeck at maep@mail.aoc.state.ky.us



On the Calendar

Meetings • Events • Trainings

Committee Meetings

June 17, 2004
Legislative
Committee
Frankfort

June 26, 2004
Public Relations
Committee
Frankfort

July 30, 2004
Training Committee
Elizabethtown

August 7, 2004
Executive Committee
Location TBA

State Conference

November 5-7, 2004
CFCRB Conference
Executive Inn Rivermont
Owensboro

For more information, call Hanna Harvey at 800-928-2350.



Book Review

Every Child Deserves a Champion, Including the Child Within You!

By Bob Danzig with Callie Rucker Oettinger, Child & Family Press, 2003, 187 pages

*Review by Shelly Meyer
Volunteer, Fayette County*

Bob Danzig went from being a foster child to the nationwide head of the Hearst Newspaper Group and vice president of the Hearst Corporation. When he was 12, the foster care professional moving him from his fourth foster home to his fifth, told him, "You are worthwhile." Those words were the "threads in his personal tapestry" that shaped him and stayed with him all his life. Now 70, he wants to help America's kids in foster care.

Every Child Deserves a Champion, Including the Child Within You! is his compilation of personal accounts, uplifting quotes and inspirational stories written by, for and about foster kids and the people who care for them.

This collection of rich narrative comes from people in all walks of foster care life. The connection is the significance of all people. The stories are meant to encourage and build self-

confidence through examples of everyday champions.

The trials of foster kids are many, but Bob Danzig's message is one of hope and personal possibility. The theme of the book is motivating achievement in children. He maintains that everyone is worthy and full of promise, and encourages the celebration of uniqueness, which is what makes us special.

For people who volunteer within the foster care system, these accounts are especially enlightening because of the variety of insightful perspectives. In the author's own words: "... embrace every opportunity to be a champion for those you are privileged to influence."

Proceeds from Danzig's book will fund college scholarships for foster kids and contributions to the Child Welfare League. Danzig also hopes to send free copies of his book to foster kids. Included with the book is a CD of a song commissioned for it titled "You Are Worthwhile, You Are Full of Promise."

Web Briefs



Internet offers wealth of facts, information on foster care

Take time to visit the following Web sites, which offer valuable information on foster care.

Child Welfare League of America

www.cwla.org

Kentucky Youth Advocates

www.kyyouth.org

National and Kentucky Court Appointed Special Advocates

www.casanet.org

www.kycasa.org

National Center for Adoption Law and Policy

www.adoptionlawsite.org

National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning

www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcp

Pew Commission/ Pew Charitable Trusts

www.pewfostercare.org

www.fosteringresults.org

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

www.pcaky.org

CFCRB Web page being updated

The CFCRB Web page is getting an overhaul and updated information, thanks to the staff at the Administrative Office of the Courts. Look for revisions late this summer.

The page is located at the Kentucky Court of Justice Web site at www.kycourts.net. Go to Administrative Office of the Courts on the menu bar, then to Juvenile Services, the Division of Dependent Children's Services and then the Citizen Foster Care Review Board.

Hint: Put a shortcut on your desktop to save your fingers!

